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In re application of:

CALVIN JOSEPH STOWE, II, et al.

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For: WATER-BASED DRILLING FLUIDS
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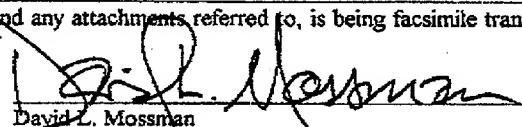
In reply to the final Office Action dated June 18, 2003, setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months, please enter the subject Amendment.

In the Claims

Status of Claims – In accordance with new 37 CFR §1.121(c), please find beginning on the next page the status of all claims. Please note that independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended, and that dependent claims 2, 4, 9, and 17 have been cancelled.

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